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SUBJECT: LECTURER EXCHANGE PROGRAM--SOVIET COMMENTS

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1. DURING RECENT VISIT OF IREX OFFICIALS KASSOF AND MATUSZEWSKI, EMBOFF HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PLACEMENT OF AMERICAN LECTURERS IN AMERICAN HISTORY AT MGU WITH PRO-REACTOR TROPIN AND PROFESSOR SIVACHEV, A LEADING MEMBER OF HISTORY FACULTY. SIVACHEV INDICATED THAT, ALTHOUGH HISTORY DEPT. TO DATE HAS ACCEPTED CIES NOMINEES, THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE BETTER KNOWN HISTORIANS SPEND SEMESTER AT MGU. EMBOFF REMINDED MGU OFFICIALS THAT SOVIETS HAD RIGHT TO SUBMIT NAME REQUESTS. SIVACHEV SEEMED GENUINELY SURPRISED TO LEARN THIS, AND SAID HE WOULD KEEP IT IN MIND FOR NEXT YEAR.

2. SIVACHEV MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN OF UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO AND FRANK FRIEDEL OF HARVARD AS LECTURERS WHOM THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE NOMINATED. EMBASSY NOW ENDEAVORING TO SCHEDULE LECTURES AT MGU BY VOLSPKRS AND AMSPECS IN AMERICAN HISTORY IN CONNECTION WITH BICENTENNIAL AND THIS EXPOSURE TO SEVERAL GOOD AMERICAN HISTORIANS MAY LEAD TO MORE REALISTIC NAME REQUESTS. NEVERTHELESS, SUGGEST CIES MAY WISH TO CHECK WITH FRANKLIN AND FRIEDEL RE THEIR AVAILABILITY FOR NEXT YEAR.

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3. SIVACHEV STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF HAVING VISITING LECTURERS

BRING WITH THEM A SMALL LIBRARY OF RELEVANT MATERIALS. HE
SINGLED OUT PUBLICATIONS WITH COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND OTHER
PRIMARY SOURCES AS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT SINCE THESE ARE
ESPECIALLY HARD FOR SOVIET SCHOLARS IN AMERICAN HISTORY TO
OBTAIN. CIES SHOULD KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN PREPARING NEXT YEAR'S
LECTURER IN AMERICAN HISTORY.
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